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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH
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FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

NEW FORM FOR STEAMSHIP AND INSTITUTION INSPECTIONS

The new form for steamship and institution inspection OMS 354 and (a) is now available in the Area Supply Offices. This supersedes FPI-156 and FDA-14, formerly used for this purpose. The new form is serially numbered, of the fanfold type with carbon paper inserted and comes in sets of an original and 5 copies.

The distribution of this form should be an original and two carbon copies to the steamship lines, one copy to the local W.S.A. representative and the remaining copies for the local office files. It is not necessary to send a copy to the Washington office nor to the regional offices of PMA or WSA. The steamship line requires only two copies and while some lines have requested and have been securing more copies, it is suggested that in the future they be notified that only the original and two copies will be available. The vendors do not require a copy. In order to furnish additional copies when requested, it will be desirable for each office to requisition the new form and to retain a few of the unnumbered copies of FPI-156 or FDA-14.

Since it is necessary for each office to keep a record of the disposition of these serially numbered forms, the following system should be used to record them. In the second part of the standard record book the certificates should be recorded in numerical order showing the number, date of issuance and the name of the steamship line, restaurant or institution to which issued. The fee for each certificate should be recorded and blank spaces used to record the receipt of checks paying the fees. The check number, amount and date should be recorded.

E. E. Conklin, Chief

PROCESSED PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

The following inspectors have recently presented grading demonstrations for home economics classes and consumer groups:

Date	Inspector in charge of demonstration	Group for whom Demonstration given	Address
10/9/45	Lillian M. Holmes	Vashon Island, P.T.A.	Seattle, Wash.
10/17/45	Earl F. Burk	Le-Mesdames (Wives of Faculty Men), Southeastern La. College	Hammond, La.
10/18/45	Fannie R. Pilz	Home Economics Students Colorado A & M College	Ft. Collins, Colo.
10/18/45	E. Jane McGillivray Christine Justin	Students, Parents, and Teachers of Lincoln Jr. High School	Kenosha, Wis.
10/19/45	Jo Glover	Lebanon Cooking Club	Lebanon, Ind.
10/24/45	Earl F. Burk Ruby Mae Stringer Virginia Wigglesworth	Rotary Club	Hammond, La.
10/25/45	H. L. Geer	Student Nurses, Sinai Hospital	Baltimore, Md.
10/30/45	Harriot V. Little	Home Economics Students Indiana University	Bloomington, Ind.

REPORTS ON DEMONSTRATIONS

We have received an interesting report regarding a demonstration which Mrs. Fannie R. Pilz of our Denver office presented several weeks ago. The following is an excerpt of a letter written by Miss Lenora H. Zimmerman, Supervisor, Division of Homemaking Education, State Board for Vocational Education, Colorado:

> "I wish to thank you for arranging the very interesting demonstration which Mrs. Pilz gave to the women's group at the Washington Park Community Church. She did an excellent piece of work and I have heard very favorable comment.

I think that the type of work you are doing should go before every homemaker in the State."

Three of our young women inspectors have recently been presented in radio interviews through the Radio Section, Marketing Reports Division. They are:

Dorothy I. Bodine, Station KMJ, Fresno California
Evelyn Palmer, Station KGW, Portland, Oregon
Beatrice E. Raimondo, Station KTRB, Modesto, California

ADVANTAGES U. S. CONTINUOUS INSPECTION

Advantages of U. S. Continuous Inspection and U. S. Grade Labeling were pointed out in an article which recently appeared in "The Commercial West," in the issue of Saturday, October 20, 1945. This article "Owatonna Canning Typifies Food Processing Progress" covers the processing of canned pumpkin, asparagus, peas, corn, and dehydrated products at Owatonna Canning Company, Owatonna, Minnesota. This is one of the seventy-odd plants now operating under the continuous inspection service of this Division.

DISCHARGED VETERAN RETURNS

Another of our boys to return to the "fold" after doing his bit in Uncle Sam's Army is Raymond DiMarzio. He has been assigned to the Winter Haven, Florida office.

F. L. Southerland, Acting Chief

FRUIT MARKETING DIVISION

RELEASE OF DRIED APPLES, APRICOTS AND PEACHES UNDER WFO 16

On October 26 general releases from the set aside provisions of WFO 16 were issued to packers in respect to dried apples, dried apricots and dried freestone peaches. This action was taken after advice from the Quartermaster Corps and other Government agencies that a set aside order was not necessary in obtaining their reduced requirements.

BRITISH DRIED FRUIT REQUIREMENTS BEING PURCHASED IN OPEN MARKET

In accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the British Food Mission and the Production and Marketing Administration, purchases of dried fruits for United Kingdom are being made through commercial

channels. The Production and Marketing Administration will render certain assistance in respect to facilitating such transactions. Canadian requirements will also be purchased through commercial channels.

STORAGE MARK-UPS ON EASTERN APPLES

Amendment 152 to Maximum Price Regulation 426, effective November 1, increases storage mark-ups on fresh apples in States other than California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington to 20 cents per box or bushel for the entire month of November. This increase does not change the total for the season, it merely takes 5 cents previously scheduled for November 15 and 5 cents from the scheduled 8 cents mark-up for December 1 and adds them to the November 1 mark-up of 10 cents, providing a mark-up of 20 cents on November 1. The next mark-up of 3 cents becomes available on December 1. This increase was based on advice that the 1945 apple crop was harvested earlier than usual in the Midwestern and Eastern States and consequently sales of such apples made during November will have incurred greater storage costs than originally anticipated.

AMENDMENT TO APPLE SET-ASIDE ORDER

Amendment 1 to War Food Order 143, effective November 10, 1945, increases from 10 to 20 percent the quantity of sizes 175 or 180 permitted to be substituted in the set-aside of Winesaps and authorizes a like percentage substitution in the Newtowns set-aside.

In addition, the amendment extends the set-aside provision for Newtowns to the Wenatchee-Okanogan District and to that portion of the Yakima-Hood River District located in the State of Washington. Under the original order, Newtowns were required to be set-aside only in the Hood River area. The amendment also permits a handler who sells to a Governmental agency a lot of Winesap or Newtown apples of sizes other than those required to be set-aside to receive credit for such sale against the required set-aside quantity of the respective variety.

The adjustment in sizes which handlers are required to set-aside for Government purchase was made because the general run of sizes of both Winesaps and Newtowns in the Yakima and Hood River areas is somewhat below normal this season.

D. F. McMillen, Chief

VEGETABLE MARKETING DIVISION

SURPLUS REMOVAL

Recent purchases of cabbage have been made in Wisconsin and North Carolina. Purchases to November 2 include 186 cars and two truckloads in Wisconsin and 29 cars in North Carolina. Purchases of sweetpotatoes in Virginia to date total 45 cars. No beets have been purchased as yet although purchase of up to 2500 tons has been authorized. Purchase of up to 7500 tons of topped carrots in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana have been authorized.

ADDITIONAL TIN FOR SAUERKRAUT

In order to provide an outlet for larger quantities of cabbage, the Administrator of Order M-81 has authorized allocation of tin to each kraut packer up to 70% of his 1942-42 base period pack. On a showing of undue hardship, kraut packers may appeal to the Administrator for the allocation of additional tin up to 100% of their base period packs.

MAXIMUM PRICE ACTIVITIES

SPINACH

A disaster adjustment for late fall spinach has been approved by the Secretary effective in all states for the period ending November 20. This increases the ceiling price for that period from $1.15 to $1.25 a bushel f.o.b. Crystal City, Texas basing point.

GREEN PEAS

Following substantial yield reductions and considerable abandonment of early fall acreage in Kern County, an upward adjustment of 20 cents a bushel in all states for green peas through November 20 has been submitted to this office by OPA for approval.

CANNED CARROTS

Price ceilings for canned carrots (including carrot juice) were suspended for the period October 31, 1945 to January 29, 1946.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

The following frozen vegetables were removed from price control effective October 31,1945: beets, kale, melons, mushrooms, greens (not including spinach), and dehydrated vegetables.

PRICE CEILING POLICY

A branch statement of policy in regard to removal or retention of price ceilings for fresh, canned and frozen vegetables is under consideration.

SUBSIDY ON FROZEN VEGETABLES

The frozen vegetables subsidy agreement program for the 1945 pack is delayed pending action by the Stabilization Administrator on a proposal to include in the program subsidy payments on frozen snap beans, sweet corn, and green peas utilized by the original freezer in the manufacture of other food products.

DEHYDRATED SWEET POTATO PROGRAM

The Department has taken over sweet potato dehydration contracts which were cancelled by the Army, as part of the price support program to which it is committed by the Steagall Amendment. Mr. John Stearns of the Processed Foods Inspection Service is on special assignment with the Vegetable Division and will make periodic visits during the production period to all plants engaged in dehydrating sweet potatoes.

SUBSIDY REFUNDS ON EXPORTS OF CANNED VEGETABLES

Although canned snap beans, sweet corn, peas, and tomatoes sold in the domestic trade and to U. S. territories and possessions are eligible for subsidy payments from CCC funds, export sales are not eligible. A procedure has been worked out in cooperation with the Department of Commerce for refunding by the exporter to CCC of any subsidies which have been paid to the canner. Both exporters and canners who are selling for export will be required to file application for a Certificate of Subsidy Clearance. Field offices of the Branch will accept these applications and issue the certificates. Exporters and canners will be required to present them to the U. S. Customs Office before the shipments may clear for export. In the case of a canner exporting merchandise packed by him, no payment of refunds will be involved since no subsidy will have been paid on such shipments. The effective date after which subsidy refunds will be required and the procedure required of exporters will be explained in a Department of Commerce export bulletin to be issued soon.

L. S. Fenn, Chief